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SUBJECT: CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE - BORDER ATTACK ON
ZAIRE

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1.
PARAS 2-13 CONTAIN PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED TO MARCH 17
DEPT BRIEFING, FOR USE ONLY IF ASKED.
2. Q. CAN YOU GIVE US AN UPDATE ON THE MILITARY
SITUATION IN ZAIRE?

A. IT NOW APPEARS LIKELY THAT TWO MORE TOWNS, SANDOA, AND KASAJI, HAVE FALLEN TO THE INVADING FORCES. KASAJI IS NORTHEAST OF KISENGE, ALONG THE RAIL LINE. SANDOA IS ON THE ROAD BETWEEN KAPANGA AND DILOLO.

3. Q. HAS THIS INCURSION BEEN BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE OAU? THE UN?

A. WE UNDERSTAND THE ZAIRIAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN HAS DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH THE UN SEC GEN; WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE MAY

BRING THIS MATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF THE OAU.

4. Q. DO THE INVADING FORCES INCLUDE ARMORED ELEMENTS?

A. THERE ARE NO REPORTS THAT THEY INCLUDED ARMOR.

5. Q. HOW FAR ARE THE INVADING FORCES FROM KOLWEZI?

A. BETWEEN 150 AND 250 KILOMETERS ACCORDING TO UNCONFIRMED REPORTS.

6. Q. WHAT'S IN KOLWEZI?

A. KOLWEZI IS THE MAJOR COPPER-PRODUCING CENTER IN ZAIRE. THERE ARE OPEN PIT, AND UNDERGROUND MINES AS WELL AS A COPPER AND COBALT REFINERY, ALL OWNED BY GECAMINES, THE GOVERNMENT OF ZARIE'S MINERAL-PRODUCING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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7. Q. HOW MUCH MONEY HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THE TWO SHIPMENTS OF US MATERIEL?

A. ON THE FIRST FLIGHT, VALUE WAS APPROXIMATELY \$400,000 OF WHICH MORE THAN HALF WAS FOR TRANSPORTATION AND HANDLING COSTS. OUR PRESENT ESTIMATED FIGURES OF THE COST OF THE MATERIEL STILL TO BE SHIPPED IS APPROXIMATELY \$600,000. THIS IS ESSENTIALLY FOR C-130 SPARE PARTS AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. TO FUND THESE SHIPMENTS, WE ARE DRAWING DOWN ON FMS CREDITS WHICH ZAIRE HAD INTENDED TO USE FOR OTHER PURCHASES.

8. Q. HAS THERE BEEN ANY FURTHER WORD FROM THE MISSIONARIES WHO REMAIN WITHIN THE INVADED AREA?

A. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE MISSIONARIES IN KAPANGA LAST SPOKE VIA RADIO TO THEIR HEADQUARTERS IN KINSHASA

AND LUBUMBASHI ON MARCH 15TH; WE HAVE NO SUBSEQUENT REPORTS FROM THEM OR THE TWO MISSIONARIES WHO REMAIN IN SANDOA WHO LAST CALLED ON MARCH 15.

9. Q. HAS THE 'INVADED' TERRITORY PREVIOUSLY BEEN CONTESTED BY THE ZAIRIANS AND ANGOLANS?

A. NO, THE TERRITORY HAS ALWAYS BEEN AN INTEGRAL PART OF ZAIRE.

10. Q: WHAT IS THE US CONSTRUCTION FIRM IN KOLWEZI AND WHAT ARE THEY DOING THERE?

A. MORRISON-KUDSEN'S AFFILIATE CONSTRUCTEURS INGA-SHABA IS BUILDING THE WORLD'S LONGEST DIRECT CURRENT EXTRA HIGH VOLTAGE ELECTRIC POWER TRANSMISSION LINE WHICH RUNS FROM THE MAJOR HYDROELECTRIC POWER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROJECT LOCATED BETWEEN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN AND KINSHASA TO THE ZAIRIAN COPPERBELT, WITH ITS TERMINALS IN KOLWEZI. THE PROJECT IS BEING FUNDED BY THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK.

11. Q. HOW MUCH COBALT DOES THE US OBTAIN FROM ZAIRE?

A. THE PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE FOR 1976 IS 3,200 SHORT TONS, OR ABOUT 50 OF OUR IMPORTS.

12. Q. HOW MUCH COPPER DO WE IMPORT FROM ZAIRE?

A. ZAIRE EXPORTS MOST OF ITS COPPER TO EUROPE, ALTHOUGH SOME COPPER CONCENTRATE IS SHIPPED TO JAPAN. THE US IMPORTS ALMOST NO ZAIRIAN COPPER DIRECTLY.

13. Q. HAS THE ZAIRIAN GOVERNMENT REQUESTED ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE OR MATERIEL FROM THE US BEYOND THE TWO SHIPMENTS ALREADY CONTEMPLATED.

A. WE HAVE RECEIVED ADDITIONAL REQUESTS AND ARE CONSIDERING THEM. WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO DISCUSS THEM AT THIS TIME.
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